

The Downman

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**PARISH OF SIXPENNY HANDLEY
WITH PENTRIDGE**

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(Previously Sixpennies Pre-School Link Group)

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Sixpenny Handley Homewatch

Welcome to the latest edition of The Downsman.

Mathew, the son of a neighbour of mine, was knocked down by a car in Dean Lane the other day, when he ran into the road without looking. Fortunately the driver concerned was driving carefully and well within the speed limit and as a result Mathew only suffered bruising. It serves as a reminder, however, to all drivers that children don't always look before they "leap" and we should all take care and keep our speed well below the limit whilst driving through the village.

Discussions recently took place in the Butchers about who might be the oldest resident who was born here in Handley. The issue unresolved, it was decided to ask the question in the Downsman. So - **who is our oldest resident?** Details to myself at the address below and we will publish "the contenders" in the next issue.

It would be nice also, to welcome newcomers to our parish in the Downsman, so if you have recently moved into the Parish and would like to "see your name in print" then drop me a note, with the names of your family and perhaps a couple of lines on where you have moved from.

Jerry's new wall is complete and very good it looks too. With the wall being finished so quickly, as I mentioned last time, East Dorset District Council wasted money on obtaining the enforcement order, rather than waiting. Imagine how much they waste if this is the approach taken every time.

Keep those contributions coming.....

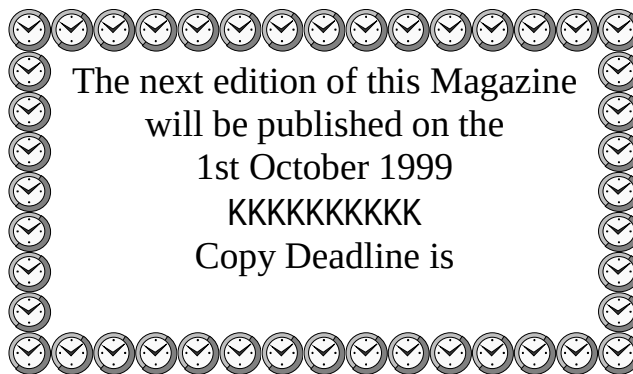
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Cover Picture

Two French registered English sports cars with an English registered French classic. Part of a classic sports car

PARISH COUNCIL

The Council is considering appointing a Deputy / Assistant Clerk to the Council. Anyone interested please contact the Clerk to the Council



The Village Hall

**Secretary to the Village Hall
Committee required.
Please contact Steve Judd - 552563.**

The Mobile Advice Centre

**East Dorset District Council have
taken a decision to permanently
withdraw the Mobile Advice Centre**



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CRANBORNE CHASE COMMUNITIES MAKE PLAY HOUSES AND TAKE THEM TO ROMANIAN ORPHANS

The residents and day service users of Cranborne Chase Communities (CCC), an organisation which seeks to meet the needs of people with learning disabilities, have made a prototype play house in their workshops at Sixpenny Handley. It has already been tested by the local First School and is now being modified with a view to making five more.

Last summer, CCC decided to support the Charity "Hope and Homes for Children" and by Christmas were able to present Colonel Mark Cooke, the founder, with a cheque for £500. The presentation was made during the annual Advent at Tregonwell Lodge, Cranborne -thoroughly enjoyed by all, but unfortunately it was apparent that some residents found it difficult to understand what the fundraising was all about.

A team from CCC has toured local schools and colleges to give presentations on the project. By visiting all sorts of learning establishments, clubs and other organisations in the area, people have come to understand better the plight of the unfortunate Romanian orphans, but they have also been able to learn a little about the huge potential of people with learning disabilities, and how they can contribute to society.

So the next step was to develop a project which would involve them from start to finish, and by so doing increase their confidence and heighten community awareness in their ability to contribute.

All the play houses have been designed and built on the "flat pack" principle, to make it easier to transport them all the way to Romania. A team of residents from Tregonwell Lodge with their support staff will be driving to Romania in the Autumn, to deliver and assemble the play houses, but more importantly to make links and contacts with children and staff in the hope that an ongoing relationship will be developed.

When the team gets back to England, they will again visit the schools, colleges and other establishments where they first gave their presentations, to complete the story.

Perhaps you would be interested in following or supporting our project? If you would like to help in any way, please contact myself on 01725 517458 - I would be delighted to tell you more.

Maureen Lockyer





Sixpenny Handley Cricket Club

For details of membership please contact:

Neil Bowes, 45 Sheasby Close, Sixpenny Handley - 01725 552416

Clive and Juli Spendley - 01202 822244

1999 Fixtures (Sundays)

All Home matches start at 2:00pm

Date	Team	Venue
Aug 1 st	Bournemouth Schools Association	Home
Aug 8 th	Tarrant Gunville	Away
Aug 15 th	Tour - Gloucestershire	
Aug 22 nd	Weymouth Labour Club	Home
Aug 29 th	Pimperne	Home
Sept 4 th	(Saturday) Rockbourne Sixes	
Sept 5 th	Rockbourne	Home
Sept 12 th	Wimbourn St Giles	Home
Sept 19 th	Wessex Arch	Home
Sept 26 th	Old Eldonians	Away

Ranston Wednesday Evening League Fixture Results - Division 2

May 19 th	Motcombe	Won	
May 27 th	Blandford CC (cup)	Lost	
June 9 th	Blandford RFC	Won	
June 16 th	Claysmore Roundheads	Won	
June 23 rd	Pimperne	Lost	
June 30 th	Stours	Won	
July 7 th	Shaftsbury FC		Won
July 14 th	Donhead	Won	
<u>Stop Press:</u>	Sixpenny Handley CC have just won Division 2!		

Childrens Cricket Coaching

August 1st, 15th & 29th, September 12th & 26th
Time : 11:00am - 12:30pm, Ages 6 - 16. All Welcome.

FLOWER SHOW



Garston Wood Open Evening

FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Your chance to find out how and why the wood is
managed and to
ask questions about our access policy for the reserve

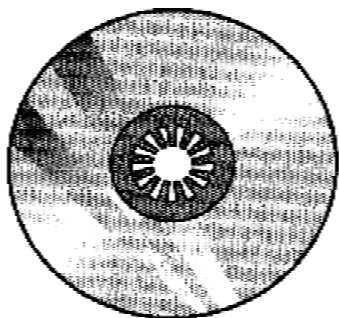
TALKS AND DEMONSTRATIONS BY BAT AND MOTH EXPERTS
WHO WILL HAVE DETECTION EQUIPMENT AND TRAPS .

TUESDAY 10TH AUGUST

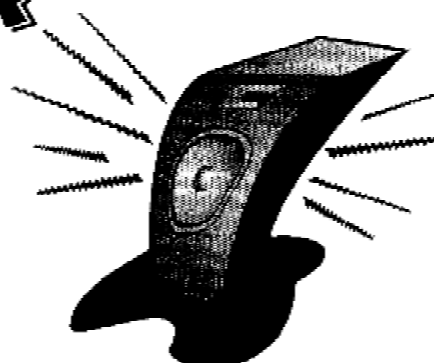
MEET AT THE WOOD AT 8.00PM.
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Local Events in August & September from "The Dorset Countryside Book 1999"

Tuesday 3rd August 2:00pm

BUTTERFLIES AT ASHMORE

An exploration of a hidden valley, now conserved under a Countryside Stewardship Scheme. Part of the Cranborne Chase AONB Events Week. Led by Gordon Le Pard.

Meet: By Ashmore Village Pond.

Wednesday 4th August 7:30pm

ARCHAEOLOGY AND WILDLIFE OF CRANBORNE CHASE

A slide show where local farmer Martin Green will outline the work he has done for wildlife and also show us the exciting archaeological discoveries he has made.

Meet: Fontmell Magna Village Hall.

Thursday 5th August 10:30am

THE BIG BUG BONANZA

Searching the murky depths of Dragonfly Pond, the darkest corners of Primrose Wood and the furthest reaches of Mini-Beast meadow to find the biggest and best bugs Moors Valley has to offer. 6-7 year

olds, children must be accompanied by an adult. £3 per child. Booking essential on 01425 470721.

Meet: Moors Valley Country Park, nr. Ringwood.

Friday 6th August 2:00pm

ALONG THE ROMAN ROAD TO AN ANCIENT CEMETERY

A gentle stroll exploring the archaeology of Cranborne Chase. Led by Gordon Le Pard. Part of Cranborne Chase AONB Events Week.

Meet: The junction of the Roman Road with the B3081, east of Sixpenny Handley Roundabout.

Sunday 26th September 2:00pm

BRYANSTON AND BEYOND

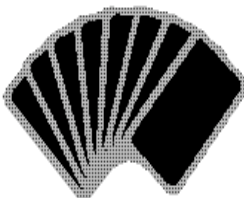
A stroll along the meanders of the River Stour past the three tallest plane trees in England, passing Bryanston School and Desolation Valley. Led by Peter Fale, a retired teacher from Bryanston School.

Meet: Marsh and Ham car park, Blandford

WHIST AT THE VILLAGE HALL

7:00 FOR 7:30pm Start

Wednesday 8th September
Wednesday 22nd September



Details - Bill Chorley
Tel: 01725 552776

BRIDGE AT THE ROEBUCK

COMMENCES: 8:00pm

Wednesday 4th August
Wednesday 11th August
Wednesday 18th August
Wednesday 25th August
Wednesday 1st September
Wednesday 15th September
Wednesday 29th September

August and September Services

ST MARY'S

ST ANDREW'S

ST RUMBOLD'S

August 1st Ninth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 Family Service
6.00 Holy Communion

11.15 Morning Prayer
& Holy Communion

August 8th Tenth Sunday after Trinity

10.30 Morning Prayer 9.30 Holy Communion

August 15th Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

9.30 Holy Communion
6.00 Evensong

11.15 Morning Prayer

August 22nd Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 Holy Communion 11.15 Holy Communion

August 29th Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 Holy Communion
6.00 Sunday Night
Live!

September 5th Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 Family Service
6.00 Holy Communion

11.15 Morning Prayer
& Holy Communion

September 12th Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.30 Morning Prayer 9.30 Holy Communion

September 19th Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 Holy Communion
6.00 Evensong

11.15 Harvest Service
with refreshments!

September 26th Harvest Festival

9.30 Holy Communion 6.00 Evensong

October 3rd Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 Family Worship
6.00 Holy Communion

11.15 Morning Prayer
& Holy Communion

END OF WORLD-LATEST!

It won't have escaped your notice that the world didn't end in July. We're still here. It wasn't that poor old Nostradamus got it wrong, just that he *didn't know* in the first place. The Bible says, 'No one knows when that day and hour will come- neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son; the Father alone knows' (Matthew 24:36)

Sunday School

The new season starts with Family Service on 5th September. Actual Sunday School begins on September 12th. Make a date- Sunday's Cool!

Singers Wanted

Can you sing? More to the point, do you *want* to sing? St Mary's Church Choir is looking for new talent, and if you would like to join, we would be delighted to have you. Male or female, old or young, and if you can't read music, not to worry. Maureen Smith is Choir Leader, and her phone number is 552767. Give her a call now!

Harvest Festival and Harvest Supper.

In case the Vicar doesn't invite you personally, all you farmers are invited to church for our Harvest services. There they are on the table above. After church at St Rumbold's, we share bread and cheese and cider (outside if it's fine).

St Mary's Harvest Supper is on **Friday 24th September** at the Village Hall. A real fun evening, with supper and wine, and games and amusements for all ages. Tickets will be on sale in September, and Pam Wood (552608) will be pleased to give you details.

The Happy Nappy Club



The Happy Nappy Club
meets at the Village Hall
on Monday mornings
between 10 and 11:30am
(during school term)

We will really welcome you and your children. We'd love you to come and visit us to meet for a friendly chat while your children play. You're welcome to bring along any friends or relations with you! This club is run to give mothers, carers and kids a chance to meet, so come and see for yourself.

We have tons of toys here and plenty of room to play. There are slides, climbing frame, bikes, trikes, sit-n-rides, play tent, tunnels, books, puzzles, painting, playdough, play kitchen, dressing up clothes, and even a parachute! There is also an opportunity to join in with action rhymes at the end of the morning.



Everyone is welcome - from babies and toddlers to children up to school age, with their mums, dads, nannies and minders! £1.40 per morning, refreshments inclusive.

If you have any queries phone Penny on
01725 552024

Letters to the 'Editor'

Dear Editor,

We are leaving the village of Sixpenny Handley on Friday 2nd July, to relocate to Cork City, Ireland, and we would be very grateful indeed if you would permit us to say goodbye through the medium of your pages.

Andrew, Cass and I would like to express our thanks to everyone we know here for their friendship and kindness to us during our time here.

Cass would like especially to thank Julia, Tim, James and Jojo Cann for a million and one things, and Cassie Orman and her family for their great kindness to him. He would also like to thank: Penny and all at the Happy Nappy Club; Louise, Margaret and everyone at Sixpennies Pre-School for their wonderful work there; and Angela Allen for taking care of him when he was little.

We would also like to thank the following: Sam, Andy and Jessica, Jake (thanks for your help before we moved!), Nigel, Julia and Co, Kim for his invaluable computer assistance, everyone in the local shops and pubs and everyone at the Surgery for the great services they provide, everyone who has helped to drive Cass to school and given help of various kinds. You all know who you are, please forgive me for not mentioning any more names, as this is written hastily in the throes of moving house, and country!

Andrew has already, through the pages of "The Downsman", thanked the people who voted for him in the local election. This move was an unexpected opportunity rather than a premeditated plan, and he will obviously not now be able to push ahead a campaign to make the main Sixpenny Handley road safer. We do hope, however, that someone will take this project on, and we also hope that the village will go from

strength to strength in the future and that you all keep well and prosper.

Our main contact number at present is 00 353 2641749, should anyone wish to get in touch.

Very best wishes,
Yours sincerely,
Madeleine D'Arcy.

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Dear Alan (Editor)

Through The Downsman (Its like Heineken Beer - gets to all the parts that other papers don't) I would like to pen my thanks to all in the community who have sent, phoned and passed on their good wishes for a speedy recovery. A new axle has been fitted and the old wheel put back on.

It is a joyous and wonderful warm feeling to be in the thoughts of busy people. What a wonderful place we live in and are part of - the Lord is definitely here amongst us. Thank you all - I am truly humbled by your concern - I miss you all and hope that I will be back serving you again. A special thanks to Rob and John for looking after you on my patch in my absence.

Yours with love
David (Salmons)

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Dear Editor

Following inclusion in your April issue of my letter enquiring about William Spear, I have not to date received any replies. However, you may be interested my reason for the enquiry. (Incidentally, I moved to Durham from Hampshire several years ago, upon retirement, to undertake a full-time

B.A. Honours degree course in Archaeology at the University of Durham. Having successfully gained that degree I have now just completed my M.A. degree and am returning to some of my interests prior to coming to Durham.)

Several years ago, while living in Sweden for a short while, I was made aware of "The English Graveyard" on the island of Hanø, which lies off the Sølvesborg peninsular in southeast Sweden. This is the burial place of several sailors of the Baltic Fleet that was stationed off Hanø in the summer months between 1810-1812 during the Napoleonic Wars. It was further pointed out to me by local Swedish people that the register of Mj-llby church shows the burial of Lieutenant Thomas West Cope from the ship HMS FORMIDABLE, who died of pneumonia on board the hospital ship HMS GORGON on 31st July 1810. This was then a newly consecrated church some way from the sea with access along pitted tracks.

I became interested in Lieut. Cope (the 7th Lieut. on the FORMIDABLE) and wondered why such trouble should have been taken to bury him in Mj-llby churchyard when a graveyard already existed on the nearby island of Hanø. Through the Public Records Office in Kew (easier of access when I worked in London!) I have traced Thomas West Cope's career in the Royal Navy back to the time when he joined the BRAVO at Jersey in February 1800 at 12 years of age as "servant to Lieut. Richard Spear" - "servant" in this instance being the usual term of entry for a young gentleman. You may know that on ships' musters the place of origin of sailors is recorded, but officers join a ship with an Admiralty Order Number which does not show place of origin.

Quite by chance, in a book entitled 'A Companion to Local History Research' by John Campbell-Kease, I came across an illustration of an assessment of a rural parish tax, for the Parish of Pentridge, for 6th April 1823 to 6th April 1824, showing a William Spear as the occupier of several pieces of land owned by the Earl of Shaftesbury. It was this illustration, which showed the surname "Spear", which prompted me to write to you. Although nothing came from my earlier letter, I appreciate your interest and will as you suggest, follow up the trail through the Dorset records as and when time and funds allow.

Thank-you again for your interest.

Yours sincerely,
Shirley Waldock
Brandon
Durham

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Changes to Sixpennies Pre-School

Sixpennies Pre-school has come to the end of another year and are saying goodbye to 19 children who will be starting school in September. We wish them lots of luck at their new schools.

We are now making a few changes to our pre-school, which we would like the parish to be aware of. Firstly, the biggest is a new name. We are changing our name to "**The Chase Nursery**". We are -as always -a provider of quality pre-school education. (Many people do not realise that we have to meet the same OFSTED Inspection as other types of providers. Come and see our OFSTED report, we are proud of it.)

Our second change is the times of the sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. The times will still be 9.30 -12.00 noon, but we will be offering an extra optional hour, between 12.00 noon and 1.00pm where the children can stay for lunch (packed lunch provided by yourselves).

Our Thursday session is to remain at 9.30 - 12.00 noon, and will include a NEW parent and child session for children aged 2 years +. It will comprise of the elements of a normal structured morning and will include a gym class called "**Chasers**", to be taken by Margaret Curtis who is a qualified pre-school gym and trampoline instructor. It is hoped that regular visits to Verwood Leisure Centre for trampolining can be organised. Children who are eligible to attend in their own right (2 yrs 9 mths) do not have to be accompanied by their parent/carer. "**Chasers**" will be an ideal introduction for parents and children alike to see what we have to offer.

If anyone would like to know more about The Chase Nursery please phone me on 552592. Alternatively, pop in to the village hall and speak to Louise Williams or Margaret Curtis, our co-leaders, on one of the mornings mentioned above. Our Autumn Term begins Tuesday 7 September 1999.

Donna Strand
Chairman

THE WEDNESDAY CLUB

On Wednesday, 18th August, there is a Garden Meeting at North Farm, Gussage St. Michael, by kind invitation of Dr. and Mrs. Geddes. Please remember to take your own mug, garden chair and enough tea for one!

On September 8th, the season proper begins again with a talk on MARIONETTES by Mr. and Mrs. C. Foulkes; and then on September 22nd a Slide Show on Skye by Aileen Heafield.

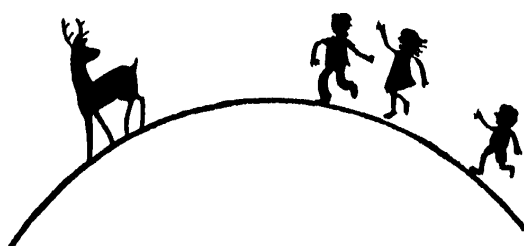
If you would like a full programme for the current season please ring Pam Wood on

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***Tuesday and Wednesday mornings: 9:30am – 12:00 noon
+ an extra optional hour for lunch: 12:00 noon – 1:00pm***

Where qualified and experienced staff provide high quality pre-school education at a reasonable cost in a secure and happy environment. Where children can have fun, fulfil their potential, develop a love for learning and go on to school well prepared and confident.

Commencing in September... “Chasers”...

A new parent and child session for children aged 2 years +

Thursday mornings: 9:30am – 12:00 noon

*A structured session, incorporating a **gym session** with our qualified pre-school gym and trampoline instructor.*

***Telephone Donna Strand (our Chairman) for further information
01725 552592***

SNIPPETS FROM THE DAPTC NEWSLETTER

Millennium Events -Be Seen on TV

Over New Year's Eve 1999 and New Year's Day 2000, the BBC intends to broadcast over 26 hours of live television from around the world. They are keen to hear about events happening in localities, both council-led and those organised by other agencies. The BBC would like details and the location and time of planned events. They also want to know if these events are particularly directed at children or families, older people or people living alone, and whether such events are linked in any way to "ancient traditions" or to some other factor. Details to Jeffrey Morris or Amelia Goldsmid at BBC Production, BBC TV Centre, Wood Lane, London W12 7RJ.

Data Protection

The Data Protection Registrar is launching a project on the use of personal information in public registers such as voters lists. There is concern that, while increased computerisation means personal details in public registers are more accessible and can be used much more widely, there has been no corresponding development of measures to protect those whose details appear. Some controls may now be needed to restore a proper balance between individual rights and the public policy behind open registers.

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Millennium Blooms

A commercial bulb supplier from Spalding is encouraging parish councils to plant large numbers of daffodils this Autumn, to make a special display for the first Spring of the new millennium. The initiative is called "Millennium Blooms" and the supplier suggests that parish councils buy bulbs in bulk in order to distribute them for planting to local special interest groups, such as church organisations, schools, scouts and guides and the WI.

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Sixpenny Handley Homewatch

Village Barbecue

For the first time ever we enjoyed a warm, sunny evening on Friday 25 June for the fourth Village Barbecue organised by Sixpenny Handley

Homewatch.

About 200 people gathered at Church Farm, by kind permission of Stephen Judd, to enjoy the event.

Burgers, sausages and chicken drumsticks from John Clark's renowned establishment were consumed with enthusiasm. The Star provided a bar and Robert Jesse entertained the youngsters with a variety of games. Folk singing was provided by Bob Lewis, who was joined for several numbers by Homewatch Chairman, John Curtis. Godfrey Turner kindly provided the amplification and 'canned' music between the live singing.

All in all it was a great evening and lovely to see so many people from all parts of the parish and of all ages enjoying themselves together. The organisers would like to thank everyone who came and all the many people who helped, whether by selling tickets, cooking, shifting chairs, directing traffic, providing raffle prizes or in many other ways. The Village Barbecue made a modest profit of just over £100. This will be used to further the crime prevention work of Sixpenny Handley Homewatch in our parish.

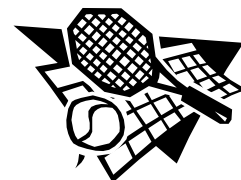
Summer Vigilance

Please remember that criminals will not be stopping work for the summer. In some cases the warmer weather makes their job easier. Make sure you shut and lock all windows when you go out. Close car windows and sunroofs and don't leave garden tools, lawnmowers and the like, out to invite their attention.

If you are going away, the usual precautions apply: cancelling the milk and papers, and notifying a neighbour and, if you like, your local Homewatch Co-ordinator as well.

Yet again such crimes as have been reported in the parish relate to shed breaks and theft from cars. If you see or hear anything suspicious, dial 999 immediately; mentioning it to someone the following day won't get anyone behind bars!

Sixpenny Handley Tennis Club won a convincing victory over Shaftesbury League Division 3 leaders, Wincanton on Tuesday 13 July. Represented by Annie Noble (captain), Hilary Brown, Stewart Tough and Ollie Carlisle, the home team took the match 6 - 2, thus reversing their away defeat at Wincanton earlier in the season. With one match remaining, at Shillingstone, Sixpenny Handley maintains their strong pressure to head the division, having now won seven from nine matches.



Bill Chorley

SIXPENNY HANDLEY TENNIS CLUB

Membership applications/renewal form

Return to:

Subscriptions are due by 1 April. Members who fail to renew by 30 April will not be entitled to the privilege of membership. Your present courts key should be returned, with your subscription and a replacement key will be issued.

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Key deposit (single payment on joining/refundable on cessation of membership and return of key)	£5	_____
Total		_____

Please make cheques payable to Sixpenny Handley Tennis Club.

Please complete this section when applying for/renewing family membership.

Name of spouse _____

Children _____ Age _____

_____ Age _____

_____ Age _____

Signature of applicant _____

For official use: Your application for membership to Sixpenny Handley Tennis Club has been accepted and your membership No. is _____. This number should be quoted when booking the courts, via Mr James Reed on (01725) 552518.

Signed _____ Treasurer and Membership Secretary.
W R CHORLEY 01725 552776

GLIMPSES OF PARISH LIFE IN AND AROUND SIXPENNY HANDLEY

Continuing our extracts from a booklet compiled originally for the use of children to learn a little of the life of their grandparents, written by Mr. F. Adams of Handley, and published circa 1953.

In 1889 the first safety bicycle arrived. It was a crude machine, nothing compared to the beautiful models to-day. The wheels had 3/4 inch. solid tyres, the handle-bars were straight, there was no free wheel, but a bracket on the front fork on which to put your feet when going down hill, and all the time the pedals would be revolving at a good speed. When you reached the bottom of the hill one had to be very quick to catch the pedal, and to be very careful in not falling off. And yet the owner, a lad of fourteen, rode several hundred miles on it. Later came the cushion tyre. This was about two inches and it had a hole through the centre. This was an improvement and it gave one a more comfortable ride. It was not long before this tyre gave way to the air cushion. There was no inner tube, and when the tyre began to 'go down' as it very frequently did, one had to blow it up as tightly as possible to allow for escaping air whilst one was fumbling with the valve. There were two or three high bicycles, penny farthings they were called, in the village, and these soon had to give way to the safety type.

Our other means of transport in those now far-off days was by carriers' vans. Two went to Salisbury each week, Tuesdays and Saturdays, and one went to Blandford on Thursdays.

The trip to Salisbury took four hours, compared with half-an-hour to-day by bus. There were very few passengers - it was mostly for goods. The first bus operated in 1912. Besides inside accommodation there were two seats crossways on the roof, which

were reached by a ladder. But a motor car was already in use at the Vicarage. This arrived in 1908 and caused a lot of wonder amongst the old folks, and it was some time before another made its appearance.

There was one disaster which overtook our village on May 20th, 1892. About 11 o'clock in the morning the wheelwrights were busy bonding wheels, the usual Spring-time job. A very fierce fire was raging in the furnace to heat the iron tyres and sparks from the chimney set alight the thatched roof of the workshops. Owing to a very strong gale blowing from the West, the burning thatch was caught up and carried some distance when it fell on a cottage roof and soon this end of the village was in flames. There was nothing we could do. Most of the menfolk were out at work in the fields or in the woods and what few there were about seemed helpless. By mid afternoon the lower half of the village was a heap of smoking ruins. The Methodist Chapel shared the same fate.

Our Vicar, Mr Bigg, was away on business, but fortunately a telegram was got off before the Post Office was destroyed. He returned at once and set to work to house the homeless. The Vicarage was crammed with children. Farmers and others who were able gave shelter. The Vicar made an appeal in 'The Times' for money and clothing, and soon a large tent erected on the lawn at the Vicarage was filled with furniture and wearing apparel sent from all parts. One hundred and eighty-five people were rendered homeless. The Member of Parliament for the Division, the Hon. H. Sturt came over, and he at once got in touch with the War Office for a number of tents, and soon we looked like an army camp. The children seemed to like the idea of sleeping in a tent. On the Sunday following, a crowd of visitors came from all the neighbourhood in pony traps and waggonettes.

Bishop Wordsworth came and took the

church service. The cottagers had previously been asked to attend a service and they came in whatever clothes they possessed. The church was full. Several of the inhabitants left the village to live with relations and never returned.

The Jubilee of 1887 was celebrated by a tea for old folk and children, but no record of this survived. The Diamond Jubilee of 1897 was of a lightly larger scale. We had by now forgotten the fire. Appended is the balance sheet: Donations came in to the total of £10 4s., ranging from 6d. To £3. The expenses were: Band £1 10s., teas and refreshments £5 7s. 2d., sports prizes £3 6s 10d.

In addition, Captain and Mrs Cartwright provided the meat, butter and milk and 100 mugs, and pocket knives for prizes. Miss Markland gave 75 mugs. Rev and Mrs Hasluck gave 50 mugs and the tea. Mr Dutch gave one gallon milk. Mr Adams gave the prizes for two races and erected the tables and stools free of cost, and Mr G Day lent the field.

It would be interesting to know how many of the mugs are in use to-day.

In August, 1914, came news of war. All our old customs suddenly ceased. There were no more club walks or fetes. Our young men were trained for military service in one capacity or another. Some, alas, never returned. Our village life was entirely changed and there are not many of us left who can look back to those peaceful days of 1875 to 1914.

{Although this concludes the description of life in our Parish, the booklet also describes a walk around the Parish boundaries and the Churches of St. Mary and St. Andrew. These will be included in our October issue. Ed.}

OUR VISIT TO BUCKINGHAM PALACE GARDEN PARTY

We took the family to London and whilst we enjoyed ourselves in the Palace they went shopping and saw some of the sights of London.

We went in at 3 pm and we were still there at 6.30 pm.

Tea was served from tents - we collected it ourselves and the tea was delicious.

We were then asked to form four gangways to greet the Queen, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, the Duke of Edinburgh and the Duke of York.

In our gangway we had the Queen - some people were presented to her.

We had an interesting chat with the Queens' Lady in Waiting who knew Dorset very well.

The military bands played at either end of the lawn during the afternoon.

The Palace grounds and lawns are several acres and we walked round the lake and rose garden where we met Dennis Healey and his wife.

Lady Thatcher and Dennis, William Hague and several other dignitaries were present.

June and I had a wonderful time and it is something we shall never forget.

Thank you to the people who proposed this and to all of you at Sixpenny Handley.

We only live in the next field at No 2 Ridgeway, Shaftesbury and will always be pleased to see you.

Thank You
June and Alec Hunt

SORRY

How often have you heard this little word used - so often that it really doesn't mean a thing any more and this is not what was intended by the user. When Judy, our black Labrador bitch, sister to Punch, was killed late last year, we heard it so often that we could have screamed. "Sorry I know how you feel" OK! How it hurt! And that was the last thing that was intended. Loving friends used it to try and express their sympathy for our loss.

I was as guilty as the next in using this word, which through overuse has lost its weight and has been cheapened to a throwaway expression. This is not the intention but is not surprising when one can use it in so many ways. Used to apologise before, during and after the event, a question when you haven't heard what someone has said and above all an expression of sympathy. No wonder we get it wrong.

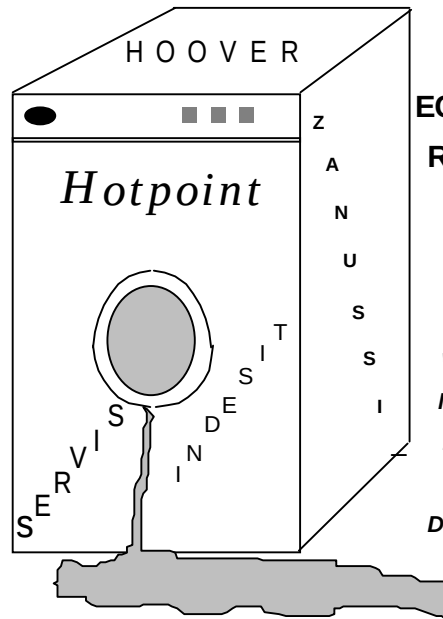
The tragedy is that at a time when we wish to express our sympathy we cannot come up with something more appropriate. How do we convey such deep feelings of love when trying to understand the effect of an event on a dear friend, a close relative - in essence someone we love and yet we fumble with a now virtually meaningless word.

What is wrong with "I feel for you" accompanied by a hug. Touch is a wonderful healer - from an early age as children a cuddle worked wonders. As adults it still does and usually conveys far more of our feelings than words can ever do. Think about it the next time you wish to express deep loving sympathy. Mind you this can also be the best expression for joy and happiness too - a wonderful thought.

David Salmons

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Aug. 16th	TBA
Sep. 20th	Demonstration
Oct. 18th	Practice "Autumn Leaves"
Nov. 15th	Practice "Fireworks"
Dec. 6th	Rachel Phillips "Inspirations for Christmas", and Buffet

Parish Council

New meeting arrangements

The full Parish Council meetings will now be held every two months on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Dates - 1999 - 16th September, 18th November

2000 - 20th January, 16th March, 18th May, 20th July, 21st September

Committee Meetings will be held monthly.

Planning Committee - 1st Thursday in each month.

Dates - 1999 - 5th August, 2nd September, 7th October, 4th November, 2nd December

Members of Planning Committee:

Cllrs. Mrs E Miles, Mr S Judd, Miss E Waller, Mr J Porte

Ex. Officio. Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Finance and General Purposes Committee - 2nd Thursday in each month.

Dates - 1999 - 9th September, 14th

October, 11th November, 9th December

2000 - 13th January, 10th February,

9th March, 13th April, 11th May, 8th June

13th July

Members of Finance Committee:

Cllrs. Mr A H Gibbs, Mr R Warner, Mr P G Chick, Mr P Kellock

Ex. Officio. Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Members of the public may attend these Committee meetings but may not speak unless asked to do so by the Chairman.

Public questions will only take place at full Parish Council meetings. Items may be placed on the Agenda of a Committee, sent in writing to the Clerk ten days before the meeting.

At Planning Committee meetings the Chairman will normally allow members of the public to speak about the plans being discussed but speaking time will not normally continue for more than a maximum of thirty minutes. Usually they will also be allowed to look at the plans.

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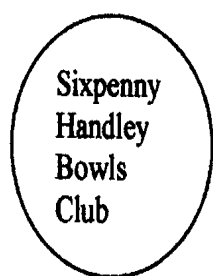
Submitted by Pat Oxford.

1. If you open it, close it.
2. If you turn it on, turn it off.
3. If you unlock it, lock it.
4. If you break it, admit it.
5. If you can't fix it call in someone who can.
6. If you borrow it, return it.
7. If you value it, take care of it.
8. If you make a mess, clean it up.
9. If you move it, put it back.
10. If it belongs to someone else, get permission to use it.
11. If you don't know how to operate it, leave it alone.
12. If it's none of your business, don't ask questions.

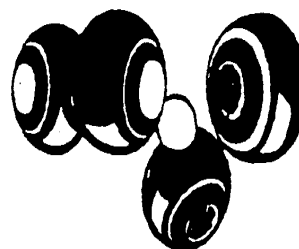
KRISTONE.

Allotments

The new allotment holders have formed themselves into an Association to be known as the Sixpenny Handley Allotment Association.



Sixpenny Handley **Bowls Club**



What gorgeous weather we are having.

Could there be anything nicer than an afternoon playing bowls in this lovely sunshine? There are so many places on the Bowling Green for other members, why don't you come and join us?

We won't charge you for your first session and we can provide the bowls.

You ask the members of Chase Community Friends who spent an afternoon with us recently and they will tell you its great fun.

We are meeting some lovely people this summer - we have attracted ten bookings from touring groups. They normally stay in hotels in Bournemouth and the hotels arrange the matches for them. They have come from East Anglia, Brecon Beacons, Melksham, West Sussex, two from London and all around. As they are on holiday, they want to enjoy themselves and every time so far the weather has been perfect. We have even let most of them win!

We had a very enjoyable barbecue a couple of weeks ago in the garden of two of our members. Unfortunately it was on the day of the sponsored cycle ride and one of our lady members managed to do both. Loads of food and drink were available.

Our next big events that we are planning are:

September 18th Jumble Sale **November 27th Quiz Evening.**

Matched booked for August/September

Sat 7 th August	Fordingbridge	Away
Sun 8 th August	Shaftesbury	Away
Sun 15 th August	Gillingham	Home
Tues 17 th August	Redbridge Wanderers	Home
Sun 23 rd August	Flight Refuelling	Home
Sun 29 th August	Lyndhurst	Away
Sat 4 th September	Cambridge Tourists	Home
Sun 5 th September	Wool	Home
Sat 11 th September	Ross on Wye Tourists	Home
Sun 12 th September	Wool	Away
Sat 25 th September	Shaftesbury	Home

Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club

GRAND JUMBLE SALE

Saturday Sept. 18th

Sixpenny Handley Village Hall
at 2.30 p.m.

Jumble : Bric-a-Brac
White Elephant : Books
Cakes and Produce
Grand Raffle & Tombola
Refreshments -
Admission 20 pence

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A decorative border of balloons surrounds the text. Each balloon is tied with a string and has a small ribbon. The balloons are arranged in a rectangular frame around the central text.

Sixpenny Handley
Village Hall

**Bar-B-Que
and**

Fun Evening

**Saturday August 14th
From 5:30pm**

**Games
Stalls
Raffle**

In and Around

Sixpenny Handley Village Hall Management Committee

Some time ago now we surveyed the main users of the Village Hall as to what facilities they needed in the hall. As a result certain things became apparent, the main requirement was more space for activities and storage.

The cost of providing this is huge. It is impossible for the money to be raised in its entirety by voluntary subscriptions and small events. However we must make an effort and to that end we are organising a Fun Evening on Saturday August 14th - 5.30 pm until dusk (in the Village Hall if wet but otherwise around the Village Hall). Barbecue, Raffle, Games etc, something similar to last years event which raised £250. Let us see if we can do better this year. We shall also display the proposed plans.

Other ideas have been proposed e.g. Buy a Brick

Question

Why do we need to do this work?

Answer

Because we need our Village Hall.

Question

Why do we need to do the work now?

Answer

The aged one's amongst us may well remember the Unity Hut, which was situated in the High Street at the rear of Victory Tours, which is now a mobile home site. This hut built after the 1st World War served well for many years but no major improvements were made to it - only mending the windows and bits of felt on the roof - **BUT ALL OF A SUDDEN THIS BUILDING NEEDED MAJOR WORK AND WAS DECLARED UNSAFE AND CONSEQUENTLY DEMOLISHED.**

We do not want this to happen to our present building therefore remedial work must be done NOW. Yes it would fit in as a Millennium project.

Question

Will it be possible to do all the work at once?

Answer

Very unlikely, probably in three stages, but it will depend on Grant Funding - probably from the National Lottery Charities Board.

To avoid the fate of the Unity Hut support the Management Committee now.

All ideas welcome!!

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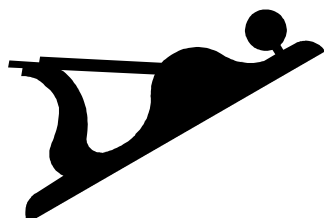
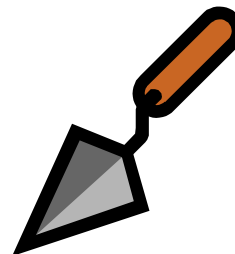
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NOTES FROM RSPB GARSTON WOOD

The summer Open Day has come and gone quite early this year and it was touch and go whether there would be anything at all to see in the woods. As it happened, the weather warmed up enough for a spectacular display of butterflies to emerge just at the right time and those souls who braved the very hot sunshine were treated to twelve varieties including Silver-Washed Fritillaries in most parts of the woods. There have been very few sightings of butterflies in the region so far this year, so it was surprising to see so many species emerge in such a short time.



The birds are almost impossible to see or hear as they have mostly finished breeding with few signs of a second brood yet. Numbers of migrant warblers have been slightly up this year while the threatened Red-Data Book resident species have also done quite well. Willow and Garden Warblers have doubled their numbers with Chiffchaffs and Blackcaps roughly the same as last year. The Turtle Doves have moved further down the wood from the plantation area, as the habitats mature and can now be found in three different places. Sadly we have had another year without Nightingales or Spotted Flycatchers. The four most important residents are Song Thrushes, Bullfinches, Marsh Tits and

**PLEASE COME ALONG TO THE COMMUNITY OPEN EVENING ON
AUGUST THE 10TH AT 8.00PM. SEE OUR ADVERT ON PAGE 7.**

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Dunnock. All have had a good breeding year with some increase in numbers but once again there are no Stock Doves, a locally rare bird. Over 350 birds fledged from the Dormouse boxes, the four common tit species, but predation by squirrels has meant that around another thirty boxes were tipped over and robbed of eggs or fledglings. The Dormice are still thinking about waking up from hibernation and we have only found two torpid specimens so far. No doubt we shall have babies later in the year.

Plans are already in hand to continue the conservation and restoration of the woods this winter. Around five thousand people now visit Garston each year; we aim to effectively manage the visitors, wildlife and flora whilst retaining traditional woodland crafts.

If you want to know more, please come along to the Open Evening where the Warden, Jack Edwards and his colleagues will be happy to answer questions. Sadly, I will be unable to attend as I have a holiday in Snowdonia booked at the time.

David Tucker



News and Information

NATIONAL
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INSTITUTES

Report for June & July

Greetings from New Zealand -in person. Our guests at the July meeting were Mr and Mrs Gough from New Zealand. Gwen Gough is a member of the Tatarariki W.I. in Northern Wairoa Federation. That Institute has been linked with Sixpenny Handley for many years, at least since World War II.

Over the years letters and presents have been exchanged, but now we have had the pleasure of meeting someone from New Zealand's North Island. Gwen spoke about her WI where they meet for a 'plate' lunch or tea, which means that members take a plate of food to the meetings, making pleasant social occasions. Numbers are much smaller than ours, but the meetings she described sounded most familiar!

In June and July we had two good speakers. In June Mrs. Nickie Johnson gave us a fascinating glimpse of the life and times of Jane Austen, reading dramatic excerpts from her books. She also read from works by other writers and sang, unaccompanied, some songs of that time. In July we moved to the garden and were inspired by Mrs E. Williams, who is an enthusiastic Container Gardener, and collects unusual objects, from Silage bins to Belfast sinks, for use in her garden. A great variety of plants can be grown this way, in even the smallest garden. She gave us some splendid tips for plants of all kinds and the use of broken polystyrene for crocks, and pelleted chicken manure for plant-feed.

Luck has favoured two Sixpenny Handley members, who have both won Bursaries to Denman College from different sources. Heather Eynon won our own Institute Draw, and Nancie Raban-Williams won the Beacon Group Draw.

Members took part in the Skittles tournament, and held a successful stall at our village Street Fair. Work goes on for items for the Mediaeval Fair being held in Puddletown on July 25th.

Nancie Raban-Williams

Cranborne Chase Events Fortnight

Saturday 24th July to Sunday 8th August

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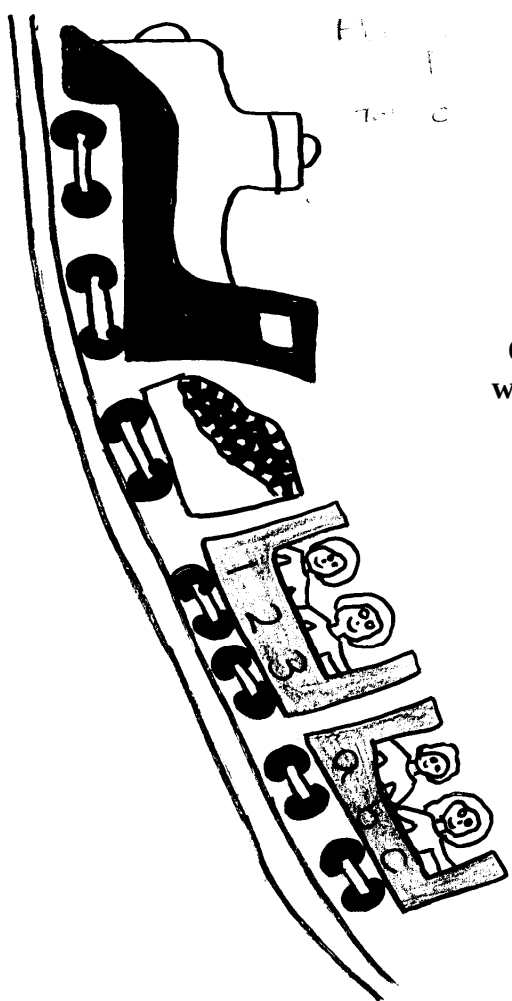
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THE YOUTH CLUB NOTICE BOARD

Since the last issue of the Downsman we have enjoyed many new activities - fortunately the weather has been very kind to us on Thursday evenings and we have been able to get outside.

We are delighted to welcome more helpers - it is nice to see Dads who have been volunteered to come along and give assistance - especially where the rules of games are concerned!

One evening was spent making hundreds of scones for the Street Fayre. Another evening we had a sports evening for both groups and treated all the children to ices and drinks.

We prepared teas for the Street Fayre, ran a raffle and a tombola stall - all worth while and our thanks especially to Joy for allowing us the use of both her kitchen and gardens. This event helped

to stock the coffers and keep us in funds.

We will be having three **DROP IN** daytime sessions during the summer holidays.

These will be held on

Tuesday 3rd August

Tuesday 17th August

Tuesday 31st August

Each session running from 10 am - 3 pm.

Bring a packed lunch and we will provide a drink.

If you have any ideas of special activities or if you can help on one of these days please give Michelle a ring on 552189.

Youth club will resume on Thursday 9th September when we are going to start groups for dancing, shows, singing to name a few.

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- We hold regular Social Day Centres, at Sixpenny Handley Village Hall.
- And weekly Coffee Mornings at the back bar of the Roebuck Inn, Sixpenny Handley.
Thursday mornings 10: 30am- 12 midday.

So come along and make new friends, or play cards.
For any information concerning Chase Community Friends,
Please contact CCF co-ordinator,
Margaret Pendrigh on 01725 552510.
New volunteers always most welcome.

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OUT & ABOUT

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“A Guide to the Dorset Countryside for the Less Able”

The following describes 5 local sites selected from the 25 sites listed in the booklet.

The Milldown

Directions: Situated on the north-western edge of Blandford. Take the B3082, signposted from the town centre. Turn right opposite Milldown Middle School.

Description: The Milldown is a patch of countryside right on Blandford's doorstep with areas of woodland, grassland and scrub. There are a wide variety of trees and plants which support a rich wildlife population.

Wildlife: Chiff Chaff, Willow Warbler, Spotted Flycatcher, Kestrel, Barn Owl, Cowslips and Devils Bit Scabious.

Facilities: Free parking. A level tarmac footpath without obstructions, along a circular route. Nearest disabled toilet in Blandford. A trail leaflet and general site leaflet are available from the contact number.

Comments: A particularly valuable site for the less able as the path is unaffected by adverse weather conditions. An enjoyable circular route with pleasant views across the valley, although the area may be busier in the summer.

Contact No: Stour Valley Rangers - 01258 472441

Avon Heath Country Park

Directions: Signposted off the A31 at the roundabout 3 miles west of Ringwood.

Description: Avon's Heath Country park is Dorset's largest country park comprising 567 acres. The park is divided into North Park, South Park, and Matchams Views. The vast majority of the park is notified as a Site of Specific Scientific Interest due to its increasingly rare and internationally important heathland. Owned by Dorset County Council it is managed in partnership with the RSPB. Country park management is firmly based on 'conservation for public enjoyment'.

Wildlife: Sand Lizards, Dartford Warbler, Nightjar, Woodlark, Silver Studded Blue to name but a few.

Facilities: Low cost parking (free for the first hour), café, disabled toilet, play equipment and picnic area, visitor centre with displays and shop and wheelchair accessible. Activity trails and annual varied events programme. Several tracks suitable for wheelchairs, seasonal variation, monthly trailer tours for less able - contact visitor centre.

Comments: A good variety of woods and heathland accessible. Tracks are level and free of obstructions, with seats or perches at regular intervals.

Contact No: Visitor centre - 01452 478470 Rangers - 01425 478082

Stour Meadows

Directions: Situated on the southern edge of Blandford. From the A354 by-pass take the Bournemouth Road to Blandford St Mary. Turn right at the first mini-roundabout and straight over the next one.

Description: Stour Meadows is an area of grassland on the River Stour floodplain. It has mature oak trees, hedgerows and of course the beautiful River Stour running along its northern edge. The area is particularly important for wild flowers, insects and birds.

Wildlife: Kingfisher, Common Sandpiper, Goldfinch, Kestrel, Teasel, Knapweed, and Small Copper Butterfly.

Facilities: Free parking, nearest disabled toilet is on the other side of Stour Meadows in the NDDC car park. A wide level tarmac footpath without obstructions and unaffected by weather conditions. Footbridge which crosses the Stour is suitable for wheelchair users.

Comments: This is an attractive and diverse area good for wildlife, especially in the summer. However, not all of the site is accessible to the less able.

Contact No: Stour Valley Rangers - 01258 472441

Moors Valley

Directions: From the A31 Ashley Heath roundabout, just west of Ringwood, turn towards Horton - the site is signposted from here.

Description: Moors Valley is a joint venture between East Dorset District Council and the Forestry Commission providing an area of 1500 acres of coniferous forest, mixed woodland, heathlands, lakes, river and meadows. The facility provides a range of habitats and wildlife, as well as many other leisure-orientated opportunities such as cycling and golf. The wardens aim to provide a year round countryside facility of the highest standard.

Wildlife: With the variety of habitats, there is a diverse wildlife population including dragonflies, damselflies, Dartford Warbler, Goldcrest, Sand Lizards, Roe Deer and badgers.

Facilities: Car parking is free for badge holders and provided close to the Visitor Centre. The Centre is full of information available from the wardens, leaflets and panels. The centre also contains a restaurant, cycle hire, shop, picnic area and disabled toilets. The well-marked Play Trail, forest tracks and paths around the lake are flat, gravel and suitable for wheelchairs. The Tree Top Trail is also flat and gravel apart from a section of elevated boardwalk not suitable for wheelchairs or pushchairs. A miniature railway carries people from the centre for over a mile along the edge of the lake. The centre has two easiriders and one wheelchair that can be booked out. A number of guided walks and events are provided, and group walks or talks can be booked in advance.

Comments: Despite being a very popular visitor facility, Moors Valley does cater for people with all abilities and for most leisure needs.

Contact No: Information Centre/Warden Office - 01425 470721 Forest Rangers - 01425 477880

Little Canford Ponds

Directions: Located just off the A31 to the east of Wimborne. Take the turning to Hampreston (B3073) on the Canford roundabout and then first right into Ham Lane (signposted)

Description: Little Canford Ponds is an 8 acre site owned and managed by the Environment Agency. Once gravel pits, the site now provides a wetland habitat and has recently been designated a Site of Nature Conservation Interest by the Dorset Wildlife Trust. The Environment Agency has planted trees and shrubs to improve the woodland areas and carried out many alterations to increase the facilities at the site. The main emphasis of the facility is based around coarse fishing and as such seasonal permits are required for angling. With prior permission, however, the site is also available for use by educational groups.

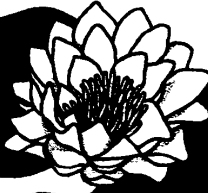
Wildlife: Kingfishers, Woodpeckers, Mute Swans, damselflies and dragonflies.

Facilities: The site boasts a coarse fishing pond with fishing platforms suitable for disabled anglers, a conservation pond with dipping platform, woodland area, a disabled toilet, plenty of car parking space, signs and site information. The paths are wheelchair accessible.

Comments: A real hideaway for anglers and educational groups with a good range of facilities.

Contact No: The Environment Agency - 01258 456080

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Contact. Adult Education Service 01202 875359

Tutor Christine Holmes 01202 886806

PARISH DIARY

DATE	FUNCTION	PAGE	DATE	FUNCTION	PAGE
Aug-01	Childrens Cricket Coaching	06	Sep-05	Bowls Club Home Match	26
Aug-01	Cricket Club Home Match	06	Sep-05	Cricket Club Home Match	06
Aug-03	Butterflies at Ashmore	09	Sep-08	Wednesday Club	14
Aug-03	Youth Club DROP IN session	34	Sep-08	Whist at The Village Hall	09
Aug-04	Archaeology on the Chase	09	Sep-09	Chase Community Friends	35
Aug-04	Bridge at The Roebuck	09	Sep-09	Finance & General Purposes	24
Aug-05	Chase Community Friends	35	Sep-09	Tennis Club Members	19
Aug-05	Planning Committee Meeting	24	Sep-09	Youth Club Starts Again	34
Aug-05	Tennis Club Members Evening	19	Sep-11	Bowls Club Home Match	26
Aug-05	The Big Bug Bonanza	09	Sep-11	Cricket Six-a-side	06
Aug-06	Along The Roman Road	09	Sep-12	Childrens Cricket Coaching	06
Aug-10	Garston Wood Open Evening	07	Sep-12	Cricket Club Home Match	06
Aug-11	Bridge at The Roebuck	09	Sep-12	Sunday School Starts	10
Aug-12	Chase Community Friends	35	Sep-14	Village Hall Bar-B-Que	28
Aug-12	Tennis Club Members Evening	19	Sep-15	Bridge at The Roebuck	09
Aug-15	Bowls Club Home Match	26	Sep-16	Chase Community Friends	35
Aug-15	Childrens Cricket Coaching	06	Sep-16	Parish Council Meeting	24
Aug-16	Flower Arranging Club	23	Sep-18	Bowls Club Jumble Sale	27
Aug-17	Bowls Club Home Match	26	Sep-19	Cricket Club Home Match	06
Aug-17	Tennis Club Junior	19	Sep-20 Downsman Copy Deadline	03	
Aug-17	Youth Club DROP IN session	34	Sep-20	Flower Arranging Club	23
Aug-18	Bridge at The Roebuck	09	Sep-22	Wednesday Club	14
Aug-18	Wednesday Club	14	Sep-22	Whist at The Village Hall	09
Aug-19	Chase Community Friends	35	Sep-23	Chase Community Friends	35
Aug-19	Tennis Club Members Evening	19	Sep-24	St Mary's Harvest Supper	10
Aug-22	Bowls Club Home Match	26	Sep-25	Bowls Club Home Match	26
Aug-22	Cricket Club Home Match	06	Sep-26	Brynaston and Beyond	09
Aug-25	Bridge at The Roebuck	09	Sep-26	Childrens Cricket Coaching	06
Aug-26	Chase Community Friends	35	Sep-29	Bridge at The Roebuck	09
Aug-26	Tennis Club Members Evening	19	Sep-30	Chase Community Friends	35
Aug-29	Childrens Cricket Coaching	06	Oct-02	Flower Show	06
Aug-29	Cricket Club Home Match	06	Oct-07	Chase Community Friends	35
Aug-31	Youth Club DROP IN session	34	Oct-07	Planning Committee Meeting	24
Sep-01	Bridge at The Roebuck	09	Oct-14	Chase Community Friends	35
Sep-02	Chase Community Friends	35	Oct-14	Finance & General Purposes	24
Sep-02	Planning Committee Meeting	24	Oct-18	Flower Arranging Club	23
Sep-02	Tennis Club Members Evening	19	Oct-21	Chase Community Friends	35
Sep-04	Bowls Club Home Match	26	Oct-28	Chase Community Friends	35

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